

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 12-18, 20-23 and 63-70 as follows.

Claims 1-42 (canceled).

43. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1;
  - (b) an amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2;
  - (c) an amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
44. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 43, wherein the sequence is (a).
45. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 44, wherein the sequence is (b).
46. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 44, wherein the sequence is (c).
47. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 44, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises a molecule selected from the group consisting of DNA, cDNA, and RNA.
48. (previously presented) A recombinant expression vector comprising DNA of claim 47.
49. (previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 48, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a procaryotic cell and a eucaryotic cell.

50. (previously presented) The host cell of claim 49, wherein the cell expresses a polypeptide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1;
  - (b) an amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2;
  - (c) an amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
51. (previously presented) The host cell of claim 50, wherein the sequence is (a).
52. (previously presented) The host cell of claim 50, wherein the sequence is (b).
53. (previously presented) The host cell of claim 50, wherein the sequence is (c).
54. (previously presented) The vector of claim 48, wherein the vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid and a virus.
55. (previously presented) The vector of claim 48, wherein the vector is a virus selected from the group consisting of simian virus 40 and bovine papilloma virus.
56. (previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 48, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a bacterial cell, a yeast cell, an insect cell, and a mammalian cell.
57. (previously presented) The host cell of claim 50, wherein the vector is selected from the group consisting of a T7-based expression vector for expression in bacteria, a baculovirus-derived vector for expression in insect cells, and a pMSXND expression vector for expression in mammalian cells.
58. (previously presented) Isolated mRNA complementary to the DNA of claim 47.

Claim 59 (canceled).

60. (previously presented) An isolated host cell comprising nucleic acid of claim 43, wherein the nucleic acid is operatively associated with a regulatory sequence that controls gene expression.
61. (previously presented) The isolated host cell of claim 60, wherein the regulatory sequence is a promoter.
62. (previously presented) The isolated host cell of claim 61, wherein the promoter is selected from the group consisting of T7, metallothionein I, and polyhedrin promoters.

Claims 63-79 (canceled).